

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 29-31 were previously incorrectly identified as new claims 27-29. All claims are listed below, with corrected references for claims 29-31 presented. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Previously Presented) A method of using an electronic shopping cart
2 to facilitate defining a distribution package, comprising:
3 connecting to an online distribution server;
4 receiving a list of goods available for electronic and/or physical distribution to a
5 client;
6 selecting goods from the list;
7 adding said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
8 requesting creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic
9 shopping cart; and
10 assigning access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
11 controlling access by the client to the distribution package.

12 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
13 sending a client identifier to the online distribution server;
14 wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges
15 associated with the client identifier.

16 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the access privileges
17 associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

18 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

1 storing said access privileges within the client identifier;
2 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
3 distribution server.

4 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the goods comprise physical
5 goods, electronic goods, or services.

6 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein a first grouping of the goods
7 is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable
8 electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

9 7. (Previously Presented) A machine-accessible medium having
10 instructions encoded thereon for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a
11 distribution package, said instructions, when accessed, capable of directing a machine
12 to:

13 connect to an online distribution server;
14 receive a list of goods available for electronic and physical distribution to a client;
15 select goods from the list;
16 add said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
17 request creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic
18 shopping cart; and
19 assign access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
20 controlling access by the client to the distribution package.

21 8. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 7, said instructions
22 including further instructions to direct the machine to:

1 send a client identifier to the online distribution server;
2 wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges
3 associated with the client identifier.

4 9. (Original) The medium of claim 8, wherein the access privileges
5 associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

6 10. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 8, said instructions
7 including further instructions to direct the machine to:

8 store said access privileges within the client identifier;
9 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
10 distribution server.

11 11. (Original) The medium of claim 7, wherein the goods comprise
12 physical goods, electronic goods, or services.

13 12. (Original) The medium of claim 11, wherein a first grouping of the
14 goods is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable
15 electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

16 13. (Previously Presented) A method of using an electronic shopping cart
17 to facilitate defining a distribution package, comprising:

18 receiving a connection from a manager-client by an online distribution server;
19 determining a client identifier;
20 sending a list of goods to the manager-client based at least in part on the client
21 identifier;

1 receiving a selection of goods from the list;
2 adding said selected goods to a client-side electronic shopping cart;
3 receiving a creation request for a distribution package;
4 creating the distribution package from the contents of the client-side electronic
5 shopping cart; and
6 assigning access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
7 controlling access by user-clients to the distribution package.

8 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
9 determining client access rights associated with the client identifier; and
10 restricting the list of goods according to said client access rights.

11 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the access privileges
12 associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online
13 distribution server.

14 16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
15 storing said access privileges within a client memory storage;
16 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
17 distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.

18 17. (Previously Presented) A machine-accessible medium having
19 instructions encoded thereon for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a
20 distribution package, said instructions, when accessed, capable of directing a machine
21 to:
22 receive a connection from a manager-client by an online distribution server;

1 determine a client identifier;
2 send a list of goods to the manager-client based at least in part on the client
3 identifier;
4 receive a selection of goods from the list;
5 add said selected goods to a client-side electronic shopping cart;
6 receive a creation request for a distribution package;
7 create the distribution package from the contents of the client-side electronic
8 shopping cart; and
9 assign access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
10 controlling access by user-clients to the distribution package.

11 18. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 17, said instructions
12 including further instructions to direct the machine to:

13 determine client access rights associated with the client identifier; and
14 restrict the list of goods according to said client access rights.

15 19. (Original) The medium of claim 18, wherein the access privileges
16 associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online
17 distribution server.

18 20. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 18, said instructions
19 including further instructions to direct the machine to:

20 store said access privileges within a client memory storage;
21 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
22 distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.

1 21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of goods comprises
2 goods available from at least two different sources communicatively coupled with the
3 online distribution server.

4 22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distribution package has
5 at least one portion having a security requirement restricting access to the portion to
6 clients meeting the security requirement.

7 23. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
8 validating the selection of goods based at least in part on the client identifier.

9 24. (Original) The medium of claim 17, said instructions to create the
10 distribution contents further comprising instructions capable of directing the machine to:
11 validate the selection of goods based at least in part on the client identifier.

12 25. (Original) A method of using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate
13 defining a distribution package, comprising:

14 receiving a connection from a manager-client;
15 determining an identifier for the manager-client;
16 assembling, based at least in part on the identifier, a list of goods available for
17 electronic and/or physical distribution to a user-client;
18 receiving a selection of a good from the list;
19 adding said selected good to an electronic shopping cart of the manager-client;
20 receiving a request for creation of a distribution package determined based at
21 least in part on the contents of the electronic shopping cart.

1 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the list of goods comprises
2 goods from at least two different sources.

3 27. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:
4 a client connecting to a distribution server having associated packages, each
5 package identifying selected ones of electronic and physical goods and updates thereto,
6 and each package having an associated access control set by a creator of the package;
7 receiving a list of goods identifying at least one good available by electronic
8 distribution;
9 selecting the good available for electronic distribution;
10 determining the good is currently installed on the client;
11 determining an update to the good is available from the distribution server; and
12 updating said installed good with the update.

13 28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
14 responsive to determining the update, automatically performing the updating said
15 installed good.

16 29. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
17 a client connecting to a distribution server having associated packages, each
18 package identifying selected ones of electronic and physical goods and updates thereto,
19 and each package having an associated access control set by a creator of the package;
20 receiving a list of goods identifying at least one good available by electronic
21 distribution;
22 selecting the good available for electronic distribution;

1 determining the good is currently installed on the client;

2 determining an update to the good is available from the distribution server; and

3 updating said installed good with the update.

4 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

5 responsive to determining the update, automatically performing the updating said

6 installed good.

7 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, in which the creator

8 has a relation to the client, the method further comprising:

9 determining an operator of the client;

10 wherein the relation includes the creator being a superior of the client.